REMARKS

The Abstract enclosed was filed with parent application 09/381,656, filed December 29, 1999, and thus no new matter is submitted herewith.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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